

AN ACT

relating to the authority of physicians to delegate to certain pharmacists the implementation and modification of a patient's drug therapy.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 157.101(b-1), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b-1) A delegation under Subsection (b) may include:

(1) the implementation or modification of a patient's drug therapy under a protocol if:

(A) the delegation follows a diagnosis, initial patient assessment, and drug therapy order by the physician; and

(B) the pharmacist maintains a copy of the protocol for inspection until at least the seventh anniversary of the expiration date of the protocol; or

(2) [~~including~~] the authority to sign a prescription drug order for dangerous drugs for a patient~~[~~r~~]~~ if:

(A) [~~(1)~~] the delegation follows a diagnosis, initial patient assessment, and drug therapy order by the physician;

(B) [~~(2)~~] the pharmacist practices in a hospital, hospital-based clinic, or an academic health care institution;

(C) [~~(3)~~] the hospital, hospital-based clinic,

1 or academic health care institution in which the pharmacist
2 practices has bylaws and a medical staff policy that permit a
3 physician to delegate to a pharmacist the management of a patient's
4 drug therapy;

5 (D) [~~(4)~~] the pharmacist provides the name,
6 address, and telephone number of the pharmacist and of the
7 delegating physician on each prescription signed by the pharmacist;
8 and

9 (E) [~~(5)~~] the pharmacist provides a copy of the
10 protocol to the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.

11 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2019, the Texas State
12 Board of Pharmacy shall adopt rules necessary to implement Section
13 [554.057](#), Occupations Code.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

S.B. No. 1056

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1056 passed the Senate on April 26, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1056 passed the House on May 22, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor